

CITY OF MENASHA
Common Council
City Hall-140 Main St.-Council Chambers-3rd Floor
April 7, 2008

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Laux at 7:30 p.m .

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Trinity Lutheran Church Boys Scout Troop 122

B. [Moment of Silence - 4,000 men and women that died in war \(Ald. Taylor\)](#)

Moment of silence was held for 4,000 men and women that have died in war

3. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

A. [Roll Call](#)

PRESENT: Ald. Chase, Merkes, Taylor, Hendricks, Eckstein, Michalkiewicz.

EXCUSED: Ald. Wisneski, Pack

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Laux, PC Stanke, DPW Radtke, CDD Keil, C/T Stoffel, PRD Tungate, PHD Nett, Clerk Galeazzi, and the Press

4. MINUTES TO APPROVE-MINUTES & COMMUNICATIONS TO RECEIVE

Minutes to approve:

A. [Common Council, 3/17/08](#)

Moved by Alderman Michalkiewicz, seconded by Alderman Eckstein to approve Common Council Minutes, 3/17/08

Motion Carried on voice vote

Results:

Minutes to receive:

B. [Administration Committee, 3/17/08](#)

C. [Board of Public Works, 3/17/08](#)

D. [Board of Health, 2/13/08](#)

- E. [Police Commission, 3/20/08](#)
- F. [Library Board, 3/20/08](#)
- G. [Water and Light Commission, 3/6/08](#)
- H. [Safety Committee, 2/6/08; City Hall](#)
- I. [Safety Committee, 2/21/08; Police](#)
- J. [Safety Committee, 2/26/08; Public Works and Parks](#)
- K. [Sustainability Board, 3/13/08](#)
- L. [Plan Commission, 3/18/08](#)
- M. [Landmarks Commission, 2/20/08, 3/12/08](#)

Communications:

- A. [American Legion Post 33, 3/26/08; Invite to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th](#)
- B. [Customers First!, 4/08; The Wire Newsletter](#)
- C. [AP Beckendorf, 3/31/08; MS4 Permit Annual Report](#)
- D. [Will Wegner \(Oscar Mayer Jingle winner\), 3/28/08; Thank you for the Plaque](#)
- E. [Menasha Utilities, Steam Detail for the two months ending February 29, 2008](#)

Moved by Alderman Michalkiewicz, seconded by Alderman Eckstein to approve Minutes to Receive B-M and Communications A-E

Motion Carried on voice vote

Results:

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY

Five (5) minute time limit for each person

- A. [Public Comments on any matter of concern to the City](#)

Paul Eisner, 1807 Brighton Beach. Thanked voters in Wards 7, 8, 12, 13 for electing him their County Supervisor for Winnebago County. Will be a strong voice at the County.

Kathy Bauer, 709 Lincoln Street. Thanked Mayor Laux for his years of service to the City of Menasha.

6. APPOINTMENTS

- A. [Mayor's appointment to the Housing Authority: 1. Timothy Maurer, 575 Riverway, for the term of April 7, 2008 to July 21, 2012.](#)

Moved by Ald. Hendricks, seconded by Ald. Taylor to hold items A&B

Mayor Laux stated motion not germane, can not hold item in Sine-Die meeting. Options are to challenge the ruling of the Chair, table items or no action at all.

Moved by Ald. Hendricks, seconded by Ald. Taylor to table items A&B

Motion fails on roll call 2-4

Ald. Taylor, Hendricks - Yes

Ald. Merkes, Eckstein, Michalkiewicz, Chase - no

Moved by Alderman Michalkiewicz, seconded by Alderman Chase to approve appointment of Tim Mauer to Housing Authority

Motion Passed

Results:

Roll Call:

AYES: Chase , Eckstein , Merkes , Michalkiewicz (4)

NAYS: Hendricks , Taylor (2)

ABSENT:Pack , Wisneski (2)

B. Mayor's appointment to the Board of Appeals: 1. Terry Eckstein, 736 Paris St., for the term of May 1, 2008 to February 1, 2010

Moved by Ald. Taylor to hold item B.

Mayor Laux explained not germane, can not hold items in Sine-Die meeting.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to overturn ruling of Chair.

Discussion

Moved by Ald. Taylor to move for a recess

Mayor Laux explained there is a motion on the floor to challenge the ruling of the Chair.

Discussion

Motion to overturn ruling of Chair fails on roll call 4-3.

Ald. Merkes, Taylor, Hendricks - Yes

Ald. Eckstein, Michalkiewicz, Chase, Mayor Laux - No

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to adjourn

Motion fails on roll call 2-4

Ald. Taylor, Hendricks - Yes

Ald. Merkes, Eckstein, Michalkiewicz, Chase - No

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald Merkes to recess

Motion fails on roll call 3-3

Ald.. Merkes, Taylor, Hendricks - Yes

Ald. Eckstein, Michalkiewicz, Chase - No

Moved by Alderman Michalkiewicz, seconded by Alderman Chase to approve appointment of Terry Eckstein to Board of Appeals

Motion Passed

Results:

Roll Call:

AYES: Chase , Eckstein , Merkes , Michalkiewicz (4)

NAYS: Hendricks (1)

ABSTAIN:Taylor (1)

ABSENT:Pack , Wisneski (2)

7. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

A. None

8. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

A. [None](#)

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Plan Commission:

1. [3/18/08; Recommends approval of the easement request by AT&T at Tayco and Ninth Street.](#)

Moved by Ald. Merkes, seconded by Ald. Eckstein to approve 10x13 easement request for \$1,000 and removal of AT&T poles and lines from between 81 & 87 Racine Street.
Motion carried on roll call 6-0.

B. Administration Committee:

1. [Agreement for Engineering Consulting Services - Vierbicher Associates and authorize signature.](#)

Moved by Ald. Eckstein, seconded by Ald. Chase to approve agreement
Moved by Ald. Taylor to hold
Mayor Laux explained can not hold in Sine-Die meeting
Discussion
Motion carried on roll call 5-0. Ald Taylor-abstain

2. [Request to recind Personal Property Taxes](#)

Moved by Ald. Chase, seconded by Ald. Michalkiewicz to approve request.
Motion carried on roll call 6-0

3. [Request from the Locker Room, 800 Plank Rd., to serve alcohol on their back deck from April 8, 2008 to November 30, 2008](#)

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to approve request.
Motion carried on roll call 6-0

4. [Accounts payable and payroll for 3/20/08-4/3/08 in the amount of \\$1,546,778.63](#)

Moved by Ald. Eckstein, seconded by Ald. Chase to approve accounts payable and payroll.
Motion carried on roll call 6-0

C. Board of Public Works:

1. [None](#)

10. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. [None](#)

11. HELD OVER BUSINESS

A. [None](#)

12. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

A. [Landscaping \(grass planting only\)-81 & 87 Racine Street and 504 Broad Street-funds to come from TIF \(Ald. Taylor\)](#)

Ald. Taylor made a motion for landscaping (grass planting only), 81 & 87 Racine Street and 504 Broad Street, funds to come from TIF.

Mayor Laux explain as a Council Directive a dollar amount should be stated.

Ald. Hendricks explained there are funds available in Park Dept. and Community Development budgets to cover the cost of landscaping the area. New Council could direct department heads to follow-up on improving this area.

13. CITIZEN REPRISE (People from the gallery to be heard; only pertaining to matters on the agenda - five (5) minute time limit for each person)

A. Public comments on matters pertaining to the agenda

Stan Sevenich, 645 9th Street. Rule to hold an item during Common Council is unique to the City of Menasha, not found in Roberts Rules.

B. Plaque Presentation

Mayor Laux presented out-going aldermen James Taylor, Terry Eckstein and Jan Chase each with a plaque for their years of service to the City of Menasha.

Representative Dean Kaufert presented Mayor Laux with a citation from the State Legislature. Council President Tom Michalkiewicz presented Mayor Laux with a plaque from the Council.

Mayor Laux thanked Rep. Kaufert, the Council, staff and City residents.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment - Sine Die

Moved by Alderman Chase, seconded by Alderman Eckstein to adjourn at 8:30 p.m .

Motion Carried on voice vote

Results:

Respectfully submitted by Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk